

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Although I currently reside in Texas, I am originally from Oklahoma City, a city with only one newspaper, whose billionaire owner, Edward L. Gaylord, feels no need to provide fair and balanced coverage of the news in Oklahoma's state capitol. The thought of Mr. Gaylord being allowed to monopolize Oklahoma City's television stations, in addition to its newspaper, is terrifying.